

# July

## Acton Action

We would like to say “Well Done!!” to Stephen Cook and to anyone who helped Stephen with flowers around the park’s office



**BRILLIANT!**

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July series Race Results:

#### Handicap Fleet

First Place-Bill Molleran

Second Place-Laura Peters

Third Place-Bob Fletcher

Fourth Place-Joe Fulford

Fifth Place-Guy Hemmer

#### Catamaran Fleet: Don Fecher

#### Y-Flyer Fleet

First Place-Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode

Second Place- Mike Stratton/Them

Third Place-Pete Peters/ Rose Shultz

Fourth Place-Curt Donahue/Megan Myer

Fifth Place-Brett Hart/Erica Mannes



# Commodore's Corner



## Uneasy Lies the Head

In Shakespeare's play, Henry IV, there is a line that one of our more literary members quoted to me last weekend: Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown. It concisely captures the insomnia Henry IV suffered over 600 years ago as he worried about problems during his stint as king. Although HSA Commodores are only figureheads, they act as the club's focal point for problems that arise from time to time--problems that also keep them awake pondering the best way forward. The problem facing our club recently concerns two interactions with an agitated fisherman near the launch ramps. Most of the time, those fishing and those sailing interact in a friendly way to minimize impact to each other's enjoyment of Acton Lake. Unfortunately, the first interaction in June resulted after one of our members accidentally snagged a line and dragged a pole into the water. The fisherman lashed out with curse words, threats, and even tried to snag their boat with a lure cast from his other pole. Our member did the correct thing and sailed further away. The second interaction in July was one of those where every member launching that day gave this fisherman a wide berth, except one. That sailor also had an unpleasant verbal exchange and also had to avoid a lure cast toward their boat. What is the solution? The park is restoring the no-fishing zone near the ramps and ODNR park rangers have verbally warned that next time they will give citations to all parties, sailors and fishermen alike, regardless of fault. So, in the same way we avoid collisions on the race course, even though the other sailor is fouling us, we need to avoid this particular fisherman. Let's give our wonderful park manager and rangers the space and time to work a solution. In the meantime, please avoid all fishermen and lines in this area. If in the unfortunate circumstance where this happens again, give our park rangers a call (#ODNR on your cell phone) and do not exchange words or interact in any way. Your safety is what I lie in bed uneasy about so please just sail away and keep a wide berth. HSA has a long safe positive history--a history of peaceful sailing that often includes "wind shifts" that we always find a way to overcome

# Introduction to Sailing July 19 2025

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On July 19th, the Hueston Sailing Association (HSA) welcomed 32 eager students to its popular Introduction to Sail class, a perfect blend of learning and adventure. The day began onshore, where participants were guided through the basics of sailing, including the components of a sailboat and key sailing terminology.

The afternoon brought the highlight of the day, hands-on sailing on the lake. With ideal weather conditions—gentle winds, blue skies, and warm sunshine—Mother Nature set the perfect stage for participants to practice their new skills and enjoy the thrill of sailing.

Eighteen students in attendance were from the Move Beyond Surviving: Body, Mind, Spirit group, a program dedicated to empowering breast cancer survivors

([movebeyondsurviving.org](https://movebeyondsurviving.org)). This group was joined by a special guest, Christine Handy, executive producer of the inspirational film Hello Beautiful

(<https://youtu.be/SONVKyV82JY?feature=shared>) adding even more excitement to the day.

“This class is always a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to experience the joy of sailing,” said HSA organizers. “We’re especially proud to have partnered with Move Beyond Surviving this year and to have shared this unique experience with such a vibrant group.” The Introduction to Sail class not only provided practical sailing skills but also fostered camaraderie, confidence, and a sense of community both on and off the water. HSA looks forward to hosting more events that connect people with the beauty and sport of sailing.





Single handed sailboats included in  
Intro to Sail:



Four students were given instructions  
and learned to sail on Sunfish  
sailboats as part of July's Intro to Sail  
session

Laura Peters, Amy Marks, Noah Everaert  
and Brendan Draper gave instruction  
to 4 new sunfish sailors! Noah gave  
demonstrations on the water from his  
sunfish while Brendan sailed on a  
sunfish with a student, Laura and Amy  
gave instruction from the Safety boat!



**HSA would like to recognize and Thank :  
Jackie Allen, Dawn Gunter, Leigh Ann Fulford  
and Darrilynn Brewster for the collective  
effort in the creation of these beautiful  
stickers!**



July 13<sup>th</sup> Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta winners



First Place: Mark Kastel  
Second Place: Laura Peters  
Third Place: Mike Stratton  
First Place Junior: Noah Everaert

## Welcome new Members: Tim Morrow and Ami Sherer



Tim and Ami at  
Resurrection Bay

Tim spent his younger years on the shores of Italy and Iceland as a Navy brat, he feels therefore, he was probably doomed to sailing and boats from the start. Tim's first memory of getting into sailing was from a Reader's Digest Condensed Book of Captain Horatio Hornblower that he read when he was 12. On Tim's first major trip he crewed for a good friend on a Westsail 32 from Resurrection to Kachemak Bays in 2002. Tim and company gunkholed their way there in 4 days. Tim and his friend both discovered that Tim didn't really know how to sail in the middle of a williwaw.

Tim has a Tartan 27 in Seward, AK (currently for sale...) that he bought as a restoration project. Tim even had Toledo make a new swing keel for it. Shipping the keel cost him more than the boat.

Tim's favorite memory of sailing was learning to singlehand an Aquarius 21 on Resurrection Bay against 20 knot headwinds in chop too steep to fire up the outboard. It took him 8 hours to make 4 miles, and he was pretty tight in the sphincter till he got her back to the dock, but he walked that dock like a motherflippin' sailor when he did! Tim is addicted to wind, he owns more kites than perhaps 1 person should, including 2 kites for skiing, (1 of which he sewed himself!), he has even taught kite making classes at the Seaward Community Library.



## Tim and Ami (cont.)

In 2017 Tim became enamored of several YouTube sailing channels that he would discuss loudly with all comers to the lumber store checkout counter where he worked. One day a customer told Tim he would rent his sailboat to him for the summer so he could try out the liveaboard lifestyle. They owned the Aquarius 21 Tim sailed. Tim reminded him that most of his sailing experience was from watching YouTube. Tim's friend and his wife took Tim out on it to show him the ropes before he agreed to the lease, a humpback whale swam right under the 21 foot boat! Tim was hooked so deep he not only learned to sail, he got a job washing dishes on an icebreaker!



This is a picture of beardy Tim showing up to a friend's boat ready for a weekend trip,(note the poop bucket on the back of his bicycle as the Hallman 20 is too small to have it's own head!)



Ice capable R/V Sikuliaq that Tim works on. This ship is a 261 foot research vessel capable of breaking thru ice up to 2.5 feet thick. It can accommodate up to 26 scientists and students, equipped with various laboratories, winches and sampling systems for diverse research needs. This vessel has 22 crew members.

# Avast Matey's! Meet JP Jarecki



This is JP's second year sailing at Acton Lake. JP has sailed at Lake Charles, Presque Isle Bay, Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Mary's and now at Acton Lake! JP has always had an interest in sailing, his earliest memories are of his first solo-sail on Lake Charles in Louisiana, when he was 7 years old. JP lived in Louisiana with his family and his Dad set him off in an Opti dinghy, which he loved from the very start! JP's Mother however was less enthusiastic about his maiden voyage-due to the presence then and now of alligators! ( Lucky for all of us he did not capsize!) Prior to that, JP's Dad had sailed around with his children since they were infants.

In addition to JP's regular job, he is a writer! He produced Icarus Affair in 2020, a suspense filled fiction novel! One of my favorite parts was his description of sailing with his Grandfather! We would like to extend a hearty sailor's welcome aboard to JP! We will be looking forward to sailing with you this summer!

## 2025 Sunfish Youth NA's



Congratulations to  
Lauren Anderson!

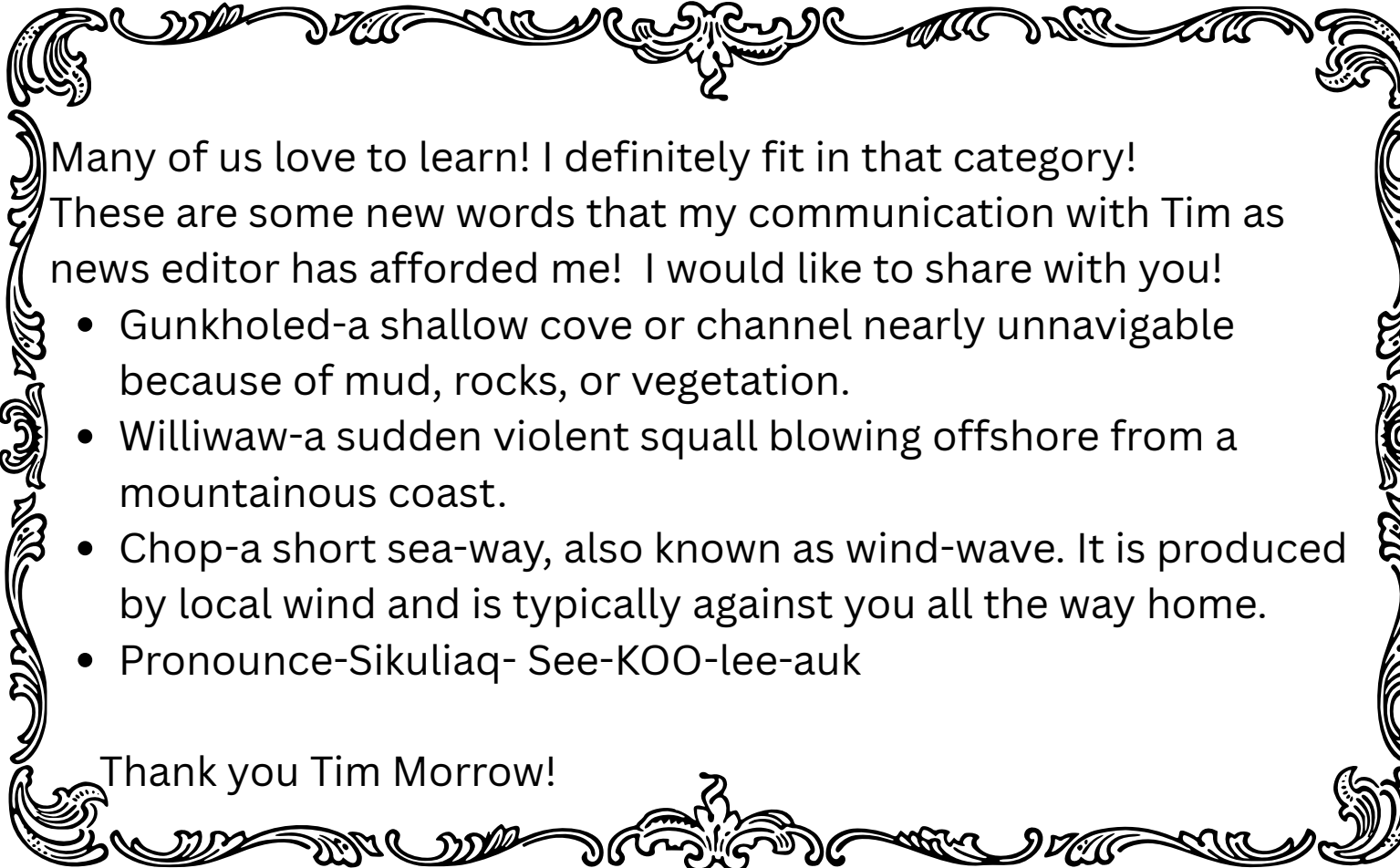
This summer I was able to race at The Austin Yacht Club in Austin, TX for the 2025 Sunfish Junior North American Championships. I was immediately met with kindness and hospitality from those at the club. When I was worried about being able to attend due to a busy schedule and needing to take the whole week off to drive my boat to the race, I was met with a generous offer to borrow a club member's boat. I can't overstate how welcoming and encouraging the sailing community has been. Each time I've traveled I've met new people full of invaluable experiences and deep genuine kindness. This regatta showed me the vast talents of people my age in this sport. It showed me I didn't need to wait for decades to gather the experience needed to race well. It showed me I had all the resources I needed to go and get experience right then and there. My competitors were impressive both on and off the course. Each day on shore while talking and having fun, I learned from them about techniques I never knew were impacting my performance, (a few that Jerry and Mike have pointed out to me for years that I had promptly ignored... sorry guys maybe I'll listen next time) each race I aimed to implement these techniques. Unfortunately, I didn't place well in the regatta, but I can be proud of my steady improvements over the weekend.

While many competitors (especially those who had traveled) struggled with shifty and inconsistent winds, I found these conditions very comfortable for me thanks to Acton Lake. Considerable boat traffic left me battling their wake, along with natural waves from this rather large lake. Acton Lake had not prepared me for this! Each time I felt confident in my speed it felt like there was always more wake ready to steal the momentum once again.

Despite my struggles I always felt confident I would succeed in the next race. This experience has taught me what I need to improve to be competitive at this level and what things I already excel at. This regatta left me excited for my next race at Acton lake. I'm ready to keep honing my skills race by race and can't wait to see how I'll improve for my next opportunity to travel to a big regatta again.

Props to everyone at HSA who has been there for me over the years helping me race and grow, I'm so lucky to have your support in all my crazy adventures.





Many of us love to learn! I definitely fit in that category!  
These are some new words that my communication with Tim as news editor has afforded me! I would like to share with you!

- Gunkholed-a shallow cove or channel nearly unnavigable because of mud, rocks, or vegetation.
- Williwaw-a sudden violent squall blowing offshore from a mountainous coast.
- Chop-a short sea-way, also known as wind-wave. It is produced by local wind and is typically against you all the way home.
- Pronounce-Sikuliaq- See-KOO-lee-auk

Thank you Tim Morrow!

Some important dates to  
remember for August in addition to  
race dates:

- Aug 9th-full moon sail and presentation of how to navigate by the stars by new member Erica Mannes
- Aug 17th-Sunfish Regatta
- Aug 24 CruiserFest

See you all on the water!!